

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) A cushioned fastener system for an article of apparel comprising:
a first fastener portion; and
a second fastener portion adapted to interconnect with said first fastener portion to secure the article of apparel to a wearer;
wherein one of said first fastener portion and said second fastener portion is a cushion structure having at least one insert; said cushion structure having a first body-contacting layer and a second layer; said first layer being more stretchable than said second layer, said insert being disposed between said first body contacting layer and said second layer.
2. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said first fastener portion and said second fastener portion are each secured to a different one of a pair of side panels of a brassiere.
3. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 2, wherein said cushion structure is fixedly secured to said one of said pair of side panels.
4. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 2, wherein said cushion structure is releasably secured to said one of said pair of side panels.
5. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said cushion structure is a pouch.
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8. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said first layer is selected from the group consisting of mono-filament material, multi-filament material, and any combinations thereof.
9. (currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 8, wherein said first layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyester, microfiber, cotton, nylon, spandex, power mesh, and any combinations thereof.
10. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said second layer is selected from the group consisting of mono-filament material, multi-filament material and any combinations thereof.
11. (currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 10, wherein said second layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyester, microfiber, cotton nylon, spandex, power mesh and any combinations thereof.
12. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1 wherein said first layer is microfiber spandex.
13. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said second layer is microfiber spandex.
14. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said first layer has a first free-end and said second layer has a second free-end.
15. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14, wherein said first free-end and said second free-end are mutually connectable.

16. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14, wherein said first and second free-ends are fixedly connected.
17. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14, wherein said first and said second free-ends are releasably connected.
18. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 5, wherein said insert is adhesively connected to said pouch.
19. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said insert comprises a film that encases a cushioning substance.
20. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19, wherein said film further comprises a border therearound.
21. (currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19, wherein said cushioning substance is selected from ~~a~~the groups consisting of gel, foam, cotton batting, fiber fill, water, silicone, and any combinations thereof.
22. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19, wherein said cushioning substance is silicone gel.
23. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 5, wherein said at least one insert is removably connected to said pouch.
24. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said cushion structure has two inserts.

25. (previously presented) A cushioned fastener system for an article of apparel comprising:
a first fastener portion; and
a second fastener portion adapted to interconnect with said first fastener portion to secure the article of apparel to a wearer,
wherein one of said first fastener portion and said second fastener portion is a pouch, adapted to contact a body, containing a cushion insert capable of reducing pressure against the body and enhancing conformability to the body, said insert being disposed inside of said pouch.
26. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said pouch comprises a first layer having a first free-end and a second layer having a second free-end.
27. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26, wherein said free-ends are mutually connectable.
28. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26, wherein said free-ends are releasably connected.
29. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26, wherein said free-ends are fixedly connected.
30. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said insert comprises a film that encases a cushioning substance.
31. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30, wherein said film further has a border therearound.

32. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30, wherein said cushioning substance is selected from the group consisting of gel, foam, cotton batting, fiber fill, water, silicone and any combinations thereof.
33. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30, wherein said cushioning substance is silicone gel.
34. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said pouch is fixedly secured to said article of apparel.
35. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said pouch is removably secured to said article of apparel.
36. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said insert is adhesively connected to said pouch.
37. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said insert is removably connected to said pouch.
38. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said cushion structure has two inserts.
39. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said article of apparel is an undergarment.
40. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said article of apparel is a brassiere.